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SECRETARY'S MORNING SUMMARY FOR JUNE 10, 1989

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1. CHINA

A. MIXED SIGNALS ON PURGE

DENG XIAOPING YESTERDAY USED HIS FIRST APPEARANCE SINCE MAY 16, AND HIS FIRST PUBLIC COMMENTS ON RECENT EVENTS, TO underscore HIS SUPPORT FOR MILITARY MEASURES TAKEN TO RESTORE ORDER AND HIS CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO ECONOMIC REFORM. HE CHARACTERIZED THE UNREST AS HAVING OCCURRED "INDEPENDENT OF MAN'S WILL" AND HAVING TURNED FROM "TURMOIL" INTO COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY REBELLION. HIS FORMULATION IS MILDER THAN THE ONE USED BY LEADERS WHO HAVE FOCUSED ON COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES WITHIN THE PARTY OR LEADERSHIP;

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DENG ALSO REPEATED THE FORMULA OF "ONE CENTER [ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT] AND TWO POINTS [PARTY CONTROL PLUS REFORM AND OPENING TO THE OUTSIDE]." THIS SLOGAN IS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH ZHAO, WHO HAD TO FIGHT TO HAVE IT ACCEPTED AS OFFICIAL DOGMA IN 1987. MANY PARTY ELDERS AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE POLITBURO STANDING COMMITTEE EXCEPT ZHAO AND HU QILI ATTENDED, SIGNALING THAT BOTH HAVE BEEN PURGED. BUT SEARCH FOR EVIDENCE CONTINUES. SECURITY FORCES SEARCHED OFFICES IN THE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY, AND SWEEPED THROUGH DORMITORIES ON AT LEAST ONE COLLEGE CAMPUS, APPARENTLY LOOKING FOR INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE AND SEIZING ACCOUNTS OF THE

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TIANANMEN MASSACRE, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. THE POLICE REPORTEDLY TOOK AWAY ABOUT A DOZEN STUDENTS.

BEIJING UNIVERSITY DECLARED AN EARLY END TO THE ACADEMIC YEAR AND SENT STUDENTS AND FACULTY HOME.

SHANGHAI STILL TROUBLED. ABOUT 40,000 PROTESTERS MARCHED IN SHANGHAI YESTERDAY TO MOURN THE DEATHS IN BEIJING AND THOSE OF SIX STUDENTS RUN OVER BY A TRAIN EARLIER THIS WEEK. ORGANIZERS VOWED TO HOLD A MARCH EVERY SEVEN DAYS FOR THE NEXT SEVEN WEEKS IN COMMEMORATION. CITY OFFICIALS HAVE SOUGHT TO AVOID USING FORCE TO QUELL UNREST IN THE CITY, BUT PRESSURE TO CRACK DOWN MAY BUILD IF FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS ARE HELD OR TRANSPORTATION CONTINUES TO BE DISRUPTED.

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THE BEIJING MILITARY REGION

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HEADQUARTERS IS DIRECTING MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE CAPITAL,

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THERE WERE FURTHER SIGNS YESTERDAY THAT THE ARMY INTENDS TO STAY IN BEIJING FOR SOME TIME: UNITS WERE LAYING LAND COMMUNICATIONS LINES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CAPITAL.

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B. TAIWAN RESPONDS TO MAINLAND TURMOIL

TAIWAN HAS APPROVED DIRECT DIAL TELEPHONING TO THE PRC
STARTING TODAY, AND MAY BEGIN ISSUING TAIWANESE PASSPORTS

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TO STRANDED MAINLANDERS, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY APPROVED VISITS OF COMMUNIST PARTY [CCP] MEMBERS TO TAIWAN.

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2. CHINA: SETTLING ACCOUNTS

DENG XIAOPING'S PUBLIC APPEARANCE YESTERDAY, THE FIRST SINCE MEETING GORBACHEV ON MAY 16, SIGNIFIED HIS ENDORSEMENT OF MARTIAL LAW AND THE MILITARY'S ACTION AGAINST THE POPULATION.

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"AN EXTREMELY SMALL HANDFUL"

SINCE MARTIAL LAW WAS DECLARED ON MAY 20, LEADERS HAVE

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REITERATED THAT THE "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY PEPILLION" WAS INSTIGATED AND LED BY A TINY GROUP OF CONSPIRATORS. BUT THAT "TINY GROUP" IS LIKELY TO INCLUDE THOUSANDS OF BUREAUCRATS, INTELLECTUALS, STUDENTS, AND LABOR ACTIVISTS. PARTY DOCUMENTS HAVE ALREADY IDENTIFIED FOUR GOVERNMENT AND PARTY RESEARCH INSTITUTES AS HOTBEDS OF SEDITION. IN ADDITION, ACADEMIC ADVISERS TO ZHAO AND OTHER REFORMERS, TOP MEDIA OFFICIALS AND REPORTERS, SOME PROVINCIAL LEADERS, AND MILITARY LEADERS WHO BALKED AT ORDERS RISK A VARIETY OF SANCTIONS. SECURITY FORCES HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO SEARCH OFFICES IN SOME INSTITUTES AND SCHOOLS FOR INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE.

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WHO HAVE ORGANIZED PROTESTS, PETITION DRIVES, AND OTHER PRESSURE TACTICS. SOME APPARENTLY HAVE ALREADY BEEN ARRESTED; OTHERS HAVE GONE UNDERGROUND.

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PEOPLE WHO SUPPORTED OR PARTICIPATED IN EARLIER DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN PROMISED LENIENT TREATMENT,

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CLOSING THE DOORS

RUMORS ARE CIRCULATING THAT MILITARY INTIMIDATION OF FOREIGNERS, LIKE THE STRAFING OF DIPLOMATIC RESIDENCES AND BEATINGS AND DETENTION OF REPORTERS, ARE PART OF A CONCERTED EFFORT TO SCARE AWAY OUTSIDE OBSERVERS. "YOU CLOSE THE DOOR WHEN YOU WANT TO BEAT YOUR DOG" AND "CHINESE DON'T BEAT THEIR CHILDREN WHEN GUESTS ARE IN THE HOUSE" ARE OLD PROVERBS THAT WORRIED CHINESE ARE CITING TO FOREIGN FRIENDS. INTENTIONAL OR NOT, THE DEPARTURE OF INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS WILL FRUSTRATE ATTEMPTS TO GET AN ACCURATE ESTIMATE OF THE EXTENT AND SEVERITY OF THE CRACKDOWN.

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THE 40,000 MAINLAND

STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS CURRENTLY IN THE UNITED STATES WILL FUEL CAMPAIGNS URGING A STRONG US REACTION.

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